

AO 91 (Rev. 11/11) Criminal Complaint

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Southern District of Texas

Clerk of Court

United States of America

v.

Michael Keith Vasquez

United States Citizen

YOB: 1991

Case No. M-15-1986-M

Defendant(s)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of November 14, 2015 in the county of Hidalgo in the
Southern District of Texas, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section

Offense Description

21 USC 841

Knowingly and intentionally possess with the intent to distribute a controlled substance/approximately 99 kilograms of marijuana, a schedule I controlled substance under the Controlled Substance Act.

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See "Attachment A"

☒ Continued on the attached sheet.

Complainant's signature

Derek Lacina Special Agent

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 11/15/2015

Judge's signature

City and state: McAllen, TX

Dorina Ramos, U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

Attachment A

On November 14, 2015, Michael Keith VASQUEZ attempted to make entry into the United States (U.S.) from Mexico through the Anzalduas Port of Entry (POE) driving a Chevrolet pickup truck bearing Mexican license plate RG-57-453. During an inspection of the vehicle, Customs and Border Protection Officers (CBPOs) discovered approximately 99 kilograms of marijuana concealed in a non-factory made compartment under the bed of the pickup truck. A Homeland Security Investigation (HSI), Special Agent (SA) subsequently arrived at the Anzalduas POE to interview VASQUEZ. VASQUEZ voluntarily stated that he went with two of his friends into Mexico to visit his aunt and uncle. His friends subsequently returned to the U.S. and left him in Mexico. VASQUEZ stated that his uncle lent him his pickup truck to return to the U.S.

VASQUEZ changed his story and stated that on Thursday, November 12, 2015, he was contacted by an individual with the alias of "Mesa". "Mesa" requested that he pick up a truck in Mexico and drive it into the U.S. VASQUEZ stated the reason why "Mesa" was going to pay him to cross the vehicle was due to the fact that "Mesa" was illegally present in the U.S. and he could not cross the vehicle into the U.S. himself. "Mesa" was going to pay him \$500 cross the vehicle and VASQUEZ stated that there was no legitimate reason why someone would pay you \$500 to drive a vehicle from Mexico into the U.S. VASQUEZ stated that he had a feeling that drugs might be in the pickup truck. VASQUEZ further stated that he did not think that there would be cocaine concealed in the pickup truck but he would "lean" to believe that it would be marijuana.